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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the First Committee

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to allocate item 118 to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work for 2010.

2. The First Committee considered the item at its 23rd meeting, on 2 November 2009 (see A/C.1/64/PV.23).

3. At the 23rd meeting, the Chairman made a statement and introduced the proposed programme of work.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its proposed programme of work and timetable for 2010 annexed to the present report.

5. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Proposed programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2010

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, approves the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2010, as contained in the annex to the report of the First Committee.

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Annex

Proposed programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2010

Programme/meeting	*Dates*	*Number of meetings*
Meeting for the organization of work	Thursday, 30 September	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items[a]	Monday, 4 October to Tuesday, 12 October	7
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items	Tuesday, 5 October at 6 p.m.	
Thematic discussion on specific subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items, including:	Wednesday, 13 October to Monday, 25 October	10
(a) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on follow-up of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at previous sessions/presentation of reports		
(b) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and other high-level officials in the field of arms control and disarmament		
(c) Panel discussions and exchanges with independent experts[b]		
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions under all agenda items	Thursday, 14 October at noon	
Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items	Tuesday, 26 October to Monday, 1 November	6

[a] A rolling list of speakers would be opened about a month before the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to a maximum of 10 minutes, and statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 15 minutes. The list would give priority to high-level representatives and should be regularly shared with the Committee so as to increase transparency.

[b] Wide civil society participation is encouraged.

Week	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*
27 September-1 October	27 September	28 September	29 September	30 September afternoon	1 October
4-8 October	4 October morning	5 October morning	6 October morning	7 October morning	8 October morning
11-15 October	11 October afternoon	12 October afternoon	13 October afternoon	14 October afternoon	15 October afternoon
18-22 October	18 October morning and afternoon	19 October morning	20 October morning	21 October morning	22 October afternoon
25-29 October	25 October afternoon	26 October afternoon	27 October afternoon	28 October afternoon	29 October morning and afternoon
1-5 November	1 November morning[a]	2 November	3 November	4 November	5 November

Note: The Committee will exercise flexibility on the scheduling of the meetings during the last two weeks of the session without prejudice to the decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session.

[a] If necessary.